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(26 December 2014 - 02 January 2015)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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26/12/2014: Members of the Holyland DX Group will activate Mamshit [UNESCO World Heritage site - see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mamshit] (WWFF 4XFF-026, Holyland Square H26BS) for the Israel National Parks Award. This will be the first time ever activation. Look for the group to sign 4X0WFF between 26-27th December. They plan to have two stations operating CW and SSB on the WFF frequencies. Operators include Shalom 4Z4BS, Mark 4Z4KX, Ruben 4Z5FI, Yulik 4X6HP, Ros 4Z5LA, Vlad 4Z5IW and Jan 4X1VF. QSL cards will handled by Ros, 4Z5LA. [OPDX Bulletin]

26/12/2014: Michael, G7VJR, will be active holiday style as VK9/G7VJR from Norfolk Island (OC-005, WLOTA 1469, WWFF VKFF-392) between 26th December 2014 and 1st January 2015. QRV using CW on the higher bands. No low band activity is planned. QSL via M0OXO. [DX-World]

27/12/2014: Kan, JJ2RCJ will be active from the island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU003S, WLOTA 0064, WWFF KFF-110) as AH2/AB2RF between 27-30th December, 2014. Focus on WARC band RTTY. QSL via LoTW. [DX-World]

27/12/2014: Take, JI3DST will once again be active from Kuchino-shima [Mouth Island], Tokara Archipelago (AS-049), Kagoshima prefecture, as JI3DST/6 between 27th December 2014 and 4th January 2015. He will operate SSB, CW and possibly digital modes and FM on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, Bureau preferred. [DX-World]

27/12/2014: John, PU2KKE will activate Santa Catarina Island (SA-026, DIB SC-01, WLOTA 2981), Santa Catarina State, Brazil from 27-31 December, 2014 using the special callsign ZV5WSC. The purpose of this DXpedition is to spend time in the most isolated and deserted beaches, combining hiking, camping and ham radio. This will be approximately 70 kimometers of hiking. A side trip to Campeche Island (DIB SC-04) will take place on day 5. QSL via PU2KKE, direct (PO Box 04, Cabreuva-SP, 13315-000, Brazil) with SAE + $2. Further information and pictures at: www.facebook.com/ChinelosDx [DxCoffee]

28/12/2014: DXFriends will lead a DXpedition to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta as 1A0C supporting the fundraising campaign to finance Medical Assistance to the migrants in the Mediterranean Sea. Activity is planned from 28th December, 2014 to 6th January, 2015 and it will be concentrated on HF bands to provide QSO's especially to North American West Coast and Japan. Team members include Antonio EA5RM (team leader), Frank DL8YHR, Father Javier EA5KM, Manuel EA7AJR, Eugene EA5HPX, Fabrizio IN3ZNR, Giorgio IZ4AKS, Francesco IZ7KHR, Luca IW0DJB and Jun JH4RHF. QSL via ClubLog OQRS is preferred. Further information and updates at: 1a0c.com/dx-announce/ [DX-World]

28/12/2014: Jose, EA5IDQ will be 3A/EA5IDQ, portable in Monaco, maybe mobile, from 28 till 30 December 2014 in SSB + RTTY 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. Further information can be found at:

www.dxpedition.eu/ [NG3K]

28/12/2014: Harry, JG7PSJ will again be active as JD1BMH from Chichi-jima (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, WWFF JAFF-018, Tokyo prefecture), Ogasawara, between 28 December, 2014 and 10th January, 2015. QRV on 160-10m CW, SSB and RTTY. Updates on twitter and JD1BMH webpage (sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/). [DX-World]

28/12/2014: Look for Jim KG4JSZ/p, Tim KI4GMR/p and Tony N2MFT/4 to be active on the HF bands from the Cedar Keys Group (NA-076), Florida. Operation will start the evening (local) of 28th December and run through 29th December. Send QSL requests to operators home address. [rsgbiota.org]

28/12/2014: Imam YB4IR will be active as YB4IR/8 from Yamdena Island, Tanimbar Islands (OC-224), Maluku Province, Indonesia, from 28-31 December, 2014. QRV on 40-10m CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call direct/Bureau/OQRS. Online log search will be hosted by ClubLog. [OK1DH]

31/12/2014: Larry, K4KGG will be active from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005, WLOTA 0201) as VP9/K4KGG between 31st December, 2014 and 5th January, 2015. QRV on the HF bands, logs uploaded to LoTW / ClubLog. QSL direct or bureau via W3HNK. [DX-World]

01/01/2015: The Rockall DX Group plans a DXpedition to Qeys (aka Kish) Island (AS-166), Iran, in January, 2015. QRV on all bands and modes. Further information is forthcoming. Websites: www.qrz.com/db/EP6T and www.rockall.be/ [DX-World]

01/01/2015: Jeff, VA3QSL will be active from the island of Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WLOTA 0644) on 1-2 January 2015 as FG/VA3QSL. He will also be active from the island of Dutch Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) as PJ7/VA3QSL between 9-13th January. Both operations are holiday style, 40-6 metre SSB and CW, using 100w and a dipole. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct (QRZ.com) with SASE $2 for US QSOs, $3 International. LoTW will be done on return, end of January. [VA3QSLL/VA3YY]

01/01/2015: Before activating Raivavae Island OC-114 in the Austral Islands group (FO/A), Wayne, KK6BT will first operate from the island of Bora Bora (IOTA OC-067, DIFO FO-003). He plans to be on the air from January 2 through January 5, 2015 using the callsign FO/KK6BT. All QSL requests should be directed to KE8G. [DX-World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

11/01/2015: Special event station 8N8SSF will be QRV on all bands and modes between 11th January and 11th February, 2015 to celebrate the 66th Sapporo Snow Festival, Ishikari (Hokkaido Prefecture, Ishikari Subprefecture), island of Hokkaido (AS-078, WLOTA 2967), Japan. QSL via the Bureau. Information about the Snow Festival can be found at: www.snowfes.com/english/ [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

11/03/2015: Rob, N7QT will be active from the island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475) as VP2MQT between 11-25th March, 2015. QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX-World]

15/04/2015: Patrick, 4F1TDT and Gil, 4F2KWT plan activity as 4G0PUP from Mindoro Island (OC-244, WLOTA 0794) on 16-19th April, 2015. QRV on the HF bands, propagation allowing. QSL direct or Bureau to DX1PUP or 4F2KWT. [rsgbiota.org]

10/05/2015: Operators Francis ON8AZ, Geert ON7USB, Tim ON5HC, Patrick ON4PQ and Lieven ON7PQ will be active as TM5U from Brehat Island (EU-074, DIFM MA-012, WLOTA 2010, WWFF FFF-1194) from between 10-15th May, 2015. QRV on 160-6 metre SSB, CW and Digital modes. QSL direct or Bureau to ON8AZ. Further information and updates at: www.eu074.be/ [rsgbiota.org]

20/07/2015: Look for Rob, N7QT, to be active once again from the island of Miquelon (NA-032, DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417) as FP/N7QT between 20-29th July, 2015. Activity will include an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (25-26 July). Outside the contest, Rob will be active on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau and LoTW. [QRZ.com]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

28/12/2014: Special event station W2HRU will be active on all bands and modes from Long Island (NA-026, USi NY003S, WLOTA 2937), Queens County, New York, from 28 December to 4 January 2015. QSL via N2MUN (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. The suffix HRU stands for Ham Radio University, "a day of education to share ideas, experiences, knowledge and fellowship among Amateur Radio operators". The 16th annual event will be held on 4 January at Briarcliffe College in Bethpage, NY. Complete information can be found at: hamradiouniversity.org/. [425 DX News]

01/01/2015: Special event station 8J1FUYO will be active on all bands and modes during the entire year 2015 for the 35th Anniverary of the Fuyo Kondankai Amateur Radio Club, JI1YTF. (Fuyo Kondankai: An informal gathering in Fuyo Group - former Yasuda Conglomerate - for employees of the group companies to mutually use their products). QSL via the Bureau is preferred way. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/01/2015: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of self governance in the Cook Islands, the seven resident radio amateurs will be granted the use of a special call sign from 1 January through 31 December 2015: E50A is Andy (E51AND) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks. E50B is Bob (E51BQ) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks. E50D is Des (E51DD) on Aitutaki (OC-083), South Cooks. E50J is Jim (E51JD) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks. E50K is Kat (E51CK/E51KC) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks. E50V is Victor (E51CG) on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks. E50W is Warwick (E51WL) on Penrhyn (OC-082), North Cooks. "We are pretty isolated, have extremely limited Internet access and none of us are avid DXers - much more the rag chewing types", Andy E51AND says. Nobody uses eQSL or LoTW, although Andy is "working at it". Visitors to the islands wishing to operate will be eligible only for the standard E51xxx style calls. [425 DX News]

01/01/2015: The Bredhurst Receiving and Transmitting Society (BRATS) will be running a Special Event Station on 1st to 5th January 2015 to mark the 800th year of the Magna Carta drawn up by King John in 1215. The callsign used will be GB8HMC ... Golf Bravo 8 Hotel Mike Charlie ... Great Britain 8 Hundred Magna Carta. Powers that be wouldn't let us use 800 Tut Tut. Also on the 18th and 19th January the Medway Receiving and Transmitting Society (MARTS) also from Kent will be running a station to commemorate the first zeppelin raid on the U.K. in world war one in which civilians were killed. Callsign GB1FZR Golf Bravo One Fox Zulu Romeo ..... Golf Bravo One First Zeppelin Raid. Both stations will be run from the QTH of Nigel, G0GDA, using PSK, RTTY and SSB on the 10m to 80m band according to propagation availability. Details of each are on QRZ.com and QSL will be by using eQSL.cc. NO LoTW or Bureau paper. [G0GDA]

01/01/2015: ISWL CLUB CALLSIGNS -
The ISWL Club Callsigns in use throughout the month of January 2015 are:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from Skegby, in Nottinghamshire, by Merv - G0UJD. (/A WAB Square = SK56 - England, IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Eastbourne, in East Sussex, by Peter - G0NQZ. (/A WAB Square = TQ50 - England, IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).
ALL QSL's for BOTH Calls will be handled by Herbie G6XOU and NOT the individual Operator.
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LoTW.
I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.
Very best wishes to all, have a great year in 2015.
Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK.

01/01/2015: Special event station TC5OCK will be active on all bands and modes from Adana, Turkey, between 1-10 January, 2015. Activity is to recognize the anniversary of Liberation Day of Adana City (5 January 1922). Operators include Adem TA5BS, Murat TA5IW and Met TA5FA. QSL via the information on QRZ.com under TC5OCK. [DXAT]

01/01/2015: South African Radio League celebrates 90 years - From 1 January 2015, the special call sign ZS90SARL will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the South African Radio League. The South African Radio Relay League was formed in May 1925. The name was later changed to the South African Radio League. From January until the culminations of the celebration at the annual Convention in Bloemfontein in April, Amateur Radio Today will transmit a weekly highlighting the amazing events of the past 90 years. [SARL]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

26/12-1/1/15 VK9/G7VJR: Norfolk Island WLOTA:1469 QSL M0OXO OQRS
27/12-30/12 AH2/AB2RF: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL LoTW
27/12-31/12 ZV5WSC: Ilha de Santa Catarina WLOTA:2981 QSL PU2KKE (d)
28/12-1/10/15 JD1BMH: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL JG7PSJ (d/B)
31/12-5/1/15 VP9/K4KGG: Hamilton Island WLOTA:0201 QSL W3HNK (d/B)
2015
01/01-31/12 8J1FUYO: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/01-03/02 9M2MRS: Pulau Penang WLOTA:2743 QSL PA0RRS (d/B)
01/01-02/02 FG/VA3QSL: Guadeloupe Island WLOTA:0644 QSL H/c (d/B)

6 METRES & UP -

26/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm 1400z-1600z
27/12 RAC Winter Contest 6m/2m classes 0000z-2400z
27/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm 1400z-1600z
27/12 FISTS Two Metre Activity CW/SO/2m 1700z-1800z
28/12 FISTS Two Metre Activity CW/SO/2m 0900z-1000z
28/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm 1400z-1600z
29/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm 1400z-1600z
30/12 DSW 2M Contest SSB/CW/FM 1300z-1430z
30/12 RSGB 70MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
2015
01/01-02/01 FG/VA3QSL: Guadeloupe NA-102 Grid:FK96 6m SSB/CW QSL H/c (d/B)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week! Only a bag of coal!! :o(

QSLs via Direct: 9N7KT (JN1THL), BY4IB [AS-146] (BD4FFM), CE0Y/UA4WHX [SA-001] (H/c), CE0Z/UA4WHX [SA-005] (H/c), CE5/LU7CAW [SA-061] (F4BHW), CE7/UA4WHX/p [SA-043] (H/c), CE8/UA4WHX [SA-050] (H/c), CE8/UA4WHX/p [SA-091] (H/c), CP4WHX (UA4WHX), D44KS (OQRS), EG2INT [EU-134] (EA5KA), EY7AD (QRZ.com), HC8ART [SA-004] (UA4WHX), HK0/UA4WHX [NA-049] (H/c), KC4USV (K1IED), OA7/UA4WHX (H/c), PJ7PK (OQRS), RI44ANT (UA4WHX), S01WS (OQRS), VK2DX (W3HNK), VK9EC (JF3PLF), VK9EX (JF3PLF), XR0YY (EB7DX), XR9H2O (UA4WHX) and YB8RW/P [OC-208] (OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: 7N2JZT/6, 9A3XV, 9A6A, 9A7V, F5IN, F6FLU, F8AEE, HA6OA, HG7T, IK6BAK, K7OM, LY7Z, LZ3FM, N4CW, OK2SFP, S50P, TY1AA, V51FH, VY2SS, YT2R, YO5OHO, YO9HP, Z35F and Z39A.

BITS & PIECES -

9ANP AWARD -
Marking the 10th anniversary of the Zagreb Amateur Radio Society (ZARS) and the 50th anniversary of the Croatian national parks, 10 years ago Zagreb Amateur Radio Society has launched a diploma Croatian National Parks (9ANP). As of 1 January 2015, on behalf of the Zagreb Amateur Radio Society, 9ANP Award is managed by Radio Club Croatian Flora Fauna. Now, the rules have changed. The (electronic) 9ANP awards are free-of-charge sent as attachments (jpg format, high resolution) to applicant's email address.
All details are available here: http://www.9a.parks.sova-projekt.hr/ [9A6AA]

BA7CK - WOODY ISLAND -
UPDATE - Che, BA7CK is again on Woody Island [Yongxing Dao] (AS-143, WLOTA 4111). He may stay there for 2 weeks. Activation will be in his free time on 10, 12 and 15m using SSB/RTTY. QSL via BA4TB. - Che, BA7CK is currently QRV from Woody Island AS-143 for a few days. He is there to find a good QTH (and test band noise) for an upcoming group DXpedition planned for April. Dale, BA4TB, who is part of the team, may also visit the island sometime next month to finalise site selection. QSL via BA4TB. [DX-World]

ZD8D, ASCENSION ISLAND -
DJ9KH, DK9BDN and DL6KAC will be active from Ascension Island (AF-003, WLOTA 1491) as ZD8D during February/March 2015. They plan to focus on 160-40m, including the new 60m band. CW, RTTY and SSB. QSL via DL9HO. [DX-World]

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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
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www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
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